

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FOR
STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION**

Landowner/user: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

A properly operated and maintained **Streambank/Shoreline Protection** project is an asset to your property. The practice was designed and installed to stabilize an eroding bank and improve stream habitat for fish and wildlife. The estimated life span of this practice is at least 10 years. The life of the project can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

Operation and Maintenance

1. Check the riprap, plantings and/or tree revetments at least once each year and immediately after severe floods. Rock removed or displaced shall be replaced as needed. Replant any dead or damaged tree plantings. Repair or replace any damaged or missing revetments. Repair work shall take place during periods of low stream flow.
2. Logs, trees, driftwood and other debris lodged in or near the riprap shall be removed.
3. Check for sloughing, erosion or damage to vegetative cover. Damaged areas shall be graded, shaped and re-vegetated as soon as possible.
4. Maintain a herbaceous and woody vegetative buffer strip between the top of the streambank and cropland. The minimum buffer strip width shall be 35 feet.
5. If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized human or livestock access.
6. Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicle or livestock damage.

Specific Requirements for Your Practice
